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Applicants: Rheins and Morhenn Art Unit: 1647  
Application No.: 09/375,609 Examiner: L.Spector SEP 22 2003  
Filed: August 17, 1999  
Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN  
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended) TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2003.

The requested extension is for One (1) Month, extending the period for response from August 9, 2003 to September 9, 2003.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on September 9, 2003, in an envelope addressed to:  
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Enclosed is Check No. 543981 in the amount of \$55.00 for the One (1) Month Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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